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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

SUBJECT: LUCANIA SALVATORE (alias Charles "Lucky Luciano")
TO : Federal Bureau of Narcotics
Att'n: Mr. Irwin Greenfeld

1. On 8 July 1946 information was received from the Counter Intelligence Corps and from the Italian Counter Espionage Corps regarding the activities of Salvatore LUCANIA, the subject of this summary, whom we shall henceforth refer to as Charles Lucky Luciano by which he is best known.

2. Luciano was born in the town of Larcara Freddi, Sicily, on 11 November, 1897. Subject came to the U. S. at an early age and soon dedicated himself to a life of crime. While serving a twenty year sentence in the U. S. for compulsory prostitution, he is said to have given informative aid to the Allies in 1942-43 through his mafia connections in Sicily. For this aid his sentence was remitted. He was then deported to Italy in 1945.

3. On his return to Italy LUCIANO established himself in Rome, where he still has his domicile at #37 Via Basurto.

4. LUCIANO first arrived in Palermo from Rome on 19 April 1946 and returned to Rome via Naples on 4th May 1946.

5. Subject returned to Palermo, accompanied by his mistress, Virginia MASSA of Torquato and Maria VILLANO, born in Rome 4 December 1920, and residing at #7 Via E. Pertinale, Rome. The couple arrived on 18 May 1946, and were lodged at the Hotel delle Palme, Palermo. The identity card shown by LUCIANO was a tessera postale #637484, issued in Rome on 6 March 1946, while Virginia MASSA had identity card #13827966, also issued in Rome, dated 16 April 1946.

6. On 26 June 1946, his mistress, Virginia MASSA, departed for Rome via Naples and LUCIANO left by car, License #P, A, 9026, for Settecannoli "Gargano Farm", near Palermo, to stay with his sister, Rosa. He returned to Rome after a week.

7. At the Hotel delle Palme, Luciano, on his first trip to Palermo 19 April 1946, was accompanied by an Italian-American, a member of Coast Guard, U. S. Navy, by the name of Gaetano MARTINO. Martino soon departed and was never seen again.

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8. At first LUCIANO, at the hotel, was on friendly terms with American officers staying there (The Grand Hotel or the Hotel delle Palme was at one time entirely requisitioned by the U. S. Navy, and the officers of the Naval Detachment still in Palermo, continue to live at the hotel). LUCIANO was considered to be a business man by the Italians, until one day there arose a dispute between the subject and the only American medical officer then lodged at the hotel. After this, the Americans quickly informed everyone about the identity and past of Charles "Lucky Luciano".

9. LUCIANO, at the Hotel delle Palme, occupied a room, together with this mistress, which was always promptly paid for. His hotel bills, at times, being of considerable amounts.

10. As regards his reason for his trip to Sicily, there are several conjectures: one is that he is dealing in foreign currency; the other is that he is interested in the mafia and the separatist movement. During his stay at the hotel, many members of the Sicilian Separatist Movement and known members of the mafia visited LUCIANO.

11. On 21 June 1946 LUCIANO went to the Palermo Questura in an attempt to obtain a passport for Argentina.

12. On 12 December 1946 this agent spoke to an intimate friend of LUCIANO, another deportee who introduced himself as Ralph LIGURIO. This man related how intimate he was with LUCIANO, always referring to him (LUCIANO) as the boss.

13. LIGURIO told this agent intimately that LUCIANO had obtained a passport for Argentina and at the present time was in Buenos Aires.

14. LIGURIO, at the present time, is believed to be a part owner of the Columbia Club situated at Via Gregoriana #9, Rome, which caters to Allied officers and civilians.

15. At the earliest convenience, this agent will check with the Italian Police in Rome in order to verify whether LUCIANO OBTAINED A passport for Argentina, and to establish whether he still registered with the Italian Police.

NOTE:

Give me the dope on LIGURIO. He likes to talk about Johnny bath beach, Vidone and some of the boys you are interested in, especially COSTELLI, Joe ADONIS and the rest of that ilk. He might say something which will interest you.

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